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New World Symphony: Concerto Showcase II

Sunday, April 23, 3:00 p.m., Lincoln Theatre, 541 Lincoln Road

Screening: Marilyn Monroe: The Final Days (2001)

Sunday, April 23, 3:00 p.m., Bass Museum of Art, 2121 Park Ave.

Miami Symphony Orchestra

Sunday, April 23, 8:00 p.m., Lincoln Theatre, 541 Lincoln Road

Hispanic Affairs Committee Meeting

Monday, April 24, 1:30 p.m., City Manager's Large Conference Room

Wynton Marsalis and The Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra

Tuesday, April 25, 8:00 p.m., Jackie Gleason, 1700 Washington Ave.

Special Commission Meeting

Wednesday, April 26, 1:00 p.m., Commission Chambers, City Hall

Neighborhood/Community Affairs Committee

Wednesday, April 26, 2:30 p.m., City Manager's Office

Magician David Copperfield

Friday, April 28, 6:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.
Jackie Gleason Theater, 1700 Washington Ave.

TransAtlantic Festival presents Seu Jorge

Friday, April 28, 7:00 p.m.
North Beach Bandshell, 7275 Collins Ave.

Miami Beach Earth Expo

Sunday, April 30, 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Lummus Park

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HURRICANE LECTURE/ GARDEN CENTER **April 29**

The Miami Beach Botanical Garden will present a lecture on yard preparation for the upcoming hurricane season on Saturday, April 29, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. "Prepare for the Worst, Hope for the Best - A Homeowner's Guide to Preparing Your Yard for the Hurricane Season" will feature horticultural consultant Jeff Wasielewski, who will provide tips on how to prepare your yard before and after a hurricane. The Miami Beach Botanical Garden is located at 2000 Convention Center Drive.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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Answer Center
305.604.CITY (2489)

Parking
305.673.PARK (7275)

Mayor/Commission
305.673.7030

Job Hotline
305.673.7777

City Manager
305.673.7010

Tourism Hotline
305.673.7400

Police (Non-Emergency)
305.673.7900

Sanitation/Garbage
305.673.7616

Fire (Non-Emergency)
305.673.7120

Bulky Waste Pickup
305.471.4444

Parks & Recreation
305.673.7730

Water & Sewer (24 hr)
305.673.7625

Q+A with Tom Velasquez

Miami Beach Building Director

Thomas Velasquez comes to Miami Beach with more than 20 years of experience. Most recently, he served as the Building Official for the Broward County Building Code Services Division and previously served as the Building Official for the Broward County Building Department. In a recent interview, Velasquez was asked about his new position with the City.

Q: How does Miami Beach compare in permits and inspections to Broward County and other cities that you have served?

A: The number of permits issued by the City is comparable to some municipalities in Broward County, however, the dollar amount here is a lot greater and the City's projects are far more complex. Most of the City's growth is vertical, which means tall buildings with very complex structural, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing systems. As a consequence, the plan review process and inspections are more time-consuming and require more experienced planners, examiners and inspectors than is normally required.

Q: What do you see as Miami Beach's greatest building challenge?

A: The tremendous rate of new construction side by side and within a very large historic district makes a unique challenge to blend both opposite perspectives in one smooth and pleasant architectural environment. To be a player in the restoration of an almost lost building to its original splendor is a challenge and a privilege. Miami Beach is sparkling with such jewels. Keeping a balance between the splendid old and the beautiful new is Miami Beach's greatest challenge.

Q: What attracted you to Miami Beach?

A: Two reasons. One is sentimental; Miami Beach was the first American city I lived in and it was love at first sight. I always wanted to come back. The other one is professional: Miami Beach offers challenges no other city in the state can match. I love a challenge.

DID YOU KNOW?

Online building permits: Apply for a permit or access permit information and services 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Go to miamibeachfl.gov.



Acrobatics Classes at Scott Rakow Youth Center

YOUTH CLASSES: Kids at the Scott Rakow Youth Center participate in one of many acrobatics classes being offered this spring. For more information on this and other exciting Parks and Recreation programs, please call 305.673.7730 or visit miamibeachparks.com.

MIAMIBEACH EARTHEXPO April 30

Miami Beach will host the Miami Beach Earth Expo on Sunday, April 30, 2006, from 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in Lummus Park, between 8th and 10th streets. This free event will include earth-friendly workshops, live entertainment, art and exhibits.

LADIES IN THE RED National Pay Equity Day

April 25

In recognition of National Pay Equity Day, members of the Miami Beach Commission on the Status of Women, Chamber of Commerce Women's Business Council and other volunteers invite you to join them in their "Women in the Red" march on Lincoln Road on Tuesday, April 25, beginning at 12:00 p.m. The participants will wear red to call attention to the fact that women are "in the red" when it comes to equal pay. The women will converge on Lincoln Road at Euclid Avenue and march toward Alton Road and back to Euclid Avenue.

CityVision Premieres on MBTV-77

MONDAY, APRIL 24

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Miami Beach is a city with a vision, and now there is a front row seat to all of the latest information on the exciting things happening in this vibrant community. CityVision provides an inside look at city government and what is going on to make Miami Beach an even better place to live, work and play. CityVision airs on MBTV-77 daily at 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.



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